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Federal Aviation Administration

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Notice of Public Meetings for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Sites and Center of Excellence

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The FAA will support seven public meetings during August and September, 2015. These meetings will be hosted by the six unmanned aircraft system (UAS) Test Sites and UAS Center of Excellence (COE). The purpose of these meetings is to discuss innovation and opportunities at the Test Sites and COE.

DATES: Please see below for the date, time, and location of the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Unmanned Aircraft Systems

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 30, 2013, the FAA selected six UAS Test Sites. This selection was Congressionally-mandated by section 332 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-95). The FAA is working closely with the Test Sites to guide research programs toward specific goals such as System Safety & Data Gathering, Aircraft Certification, Command & Control Link Issues, Control Station Layout & Certification, Ground & Airborne Sense & Avoid, and Environmental Impacts that will help the FAA safely integrate UAS into the national airspace system.

On May 8, 2015, the FAA selected a Mississippi State University team as the FAA's Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (COE UAS). The COE will focus on research, education, and training in areas critical to safe and successful integration of UAS into the nation's airspace.

Purpose of the Public Meetings

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss innovation and opportunities at the Test Sites and COE. The Test Sites and COE will host and set the agenda for each public meeting. The meetings will aid both public and private sector stakeholders to better understand the value the Test Sites and COE provide in furthering UAS integration through research, development, and operational testing.

Public Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

The meetings will be held on the following dates. Please contact the UAS Test Sites or COE through the individuals listed below for further details on location, time, and event logistics.

Site	Date, Time, and Location of Meeting	Point of Contact	Website
UAS Test Sites			
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Test Site	Monday, August 24, 2015 1pm – 3pm (local) Virginia Tech Executive Briefing Center, 900 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA	Jennifer Tomlin Program Manager Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership (540) 231-8890 tomlinja@exchange.vt.edu	www.maap.ictas.vt.edu
University of Alaska Test Site	Thursday, August 27, 2015 11am – 1pm (local) Murie Auditorium, 103 Murie Bldg., 982 Koyukuk Drive, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK	Diana Campbell Public Relations Assistant/Event Coordinator for the Geophysical Institute (907) 474-5229 dlcampbell@alaska.edu.	www.uasalaska.org.
State of Nevada Test Site	Thursday, September 17, 2015 ¹	Thomas A. Wilczek Aerospace & Defense Industry Representative (775) 687-9900 tawilczek@diversifynevada.com	www.diversifynevada.com
North Dakota Department of Commerce Test Site	Wednesday, September 23, 2015 1:30pm – 3:30pm (local) Alerus Convention Center, 1200 42nd Street South, Grand Forks, ND	Brian Opp Manager, Aerospace Business Development (701) 328-5300 blopp@nd.gov	www.nduas.com
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Test Site	Friday, September 25, 2015 9am – 11am (local) University Center,	Jerry Hendrix Chief Engineer Texas A&M – Corpus Christi Lone Star UAS Center of Excellence and Innovation	www.lsuasc.tamucc.edu

¹ Time and location are to be determined. Please contact the individual listed as the Point of Contact for time and location details.

	Texas A&M University, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX	(361) 825-4104 jhendrix@camber.com	
Griffiss International Airport Test Site	Tuesday, September 29, 2015 2pm – 4pm (local) Mohawk Valley Community College, 1101 Sherman Drive, Payne Hall 331, Utica, NY	Russell Stark NUAIR Executive Director (315) 736-4171 rstark@ocgov.net	www.nuairalliance.org
UAS Center of Excellence			
Mississippi State University	Tuesday, September 15, 2015 11:00am – 1:00pm (local) First hour ² 11:00am – 12:00pm: Enology Lab, 130 Foil Road, Starkville, MS Second hour 12:00pm – 1:00pm: Palmeiro Center 675 Collegeview St., Starkville, MS	James O. Poss Executive Director of ASSURE FAA Center of Excellence for Unmanned Systems (228) 688-6988 jposs@hpc.msstate.edu	www.ASSUREuas.org

Participation at the Public Meetings

The UAS Test Sites and COE will advertise their respective public meetings in multiple ways, including but not limited to:

- Local newspapers and media
- Public radio
- Social media
- University newsletters

² Transportation will be provided between the two meeting sites.

- Public service announcements

Public Meeting Procedures

The UAS Test Sites and COE will host and set the agenda for their respective meetings. Meetings will be held for two hours. Presenters and/or panelists will be chosen by the Test Sites/COE and may include representatives from the Test Sites/COE, their respective research organization(s), and/or any subject matter experts the Test Sites or COE designate.

The meetings will be open to all persons, subject to availability of space in the meeting room(s). The Test Sites and COE will make every effort to accommodate all persons wishing to attend. At a minimum, one regional FAA representative will be present at each meeting.

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